WHEREAS, July 26, 1876, marked the entry into the world in the Black Hills area of South Dakota of one Mathilda LaMontagne; and,

WHEREAS, Mathilda is the proud Mother of six children, Loretta, Certrude, Alice, Joseph, James, and Lawrence, who in turn have presented her with seven grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, Mathilda presently resides in Seattle, Washington; and,

WHEREAS, Monday, July 26, 1976, will mark the One Hundredth Anniversary of the birth of Mathilda; and,

WHEREAS, It is especially significant that Mathilda is celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of her birth during the Bicetennial observance of our great Nation; and,

WHERBAS, We in South Dakota are pleased to honor Mathilda on this momentous occasion; and,

WHEREAS, It is fitting and proper that the Governor make note of this special day:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Monday, July 26, 1976, as

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in South Dakota, and join with her many friends in wishing her an abundance of health and happiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this 22nd day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Six

RICHARD F KNEIP GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

LORNA B. HERSETH, SECRETARY OF STATE